MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങനെ താല്പര്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ നോക്കുക പതിവില്ല.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): മീനച്ചിൽതാലൂക്കിലേക്കു ഫ o @, ഫ o ന, ഈ വർഷങ്ങളിൽ പൊതുമരാമത്തു വേലകൾക്കു് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണം ഇത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): നോക്കിയാലെ പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾ വഴക്കുണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ടു് ഇരുപതുകൊല്ലത്തോളം ആയി എന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): കൊച്ചി പ്രസെന്റേഷൻ എല്ലാം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): ഈ പണി നടത്താൻ കഴിയുന്നതുംവേഗത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും നടപടിനടത്തുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കാമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

Tax on trees tapped for toddy.

18. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the tariff rate of tree tax fixed by them on toddy-producing trees;

(*b*) whether any provision has been made fixing the amount of rent to be paid to the owners of the taxed trees;

(*c*) how the contractors obtain at present (12-7-1930) the privilege of keeping trees in their possession and of producing toddy;

(*d*) whether it is the practice to verify the Survey Numbers of the lands mentioned in the applications for the marking of trees with those in the *pattas* standing in the names of the applicants who have signed the applications as owners of such lands;

(*e*) if not, what provision has been made at present to ascertain whether the signatory to an application is the real owner of the land mentioned therein; and

(*f*) whether any applications are being received wherein the free consent of the owners referred to therein has not been expressed?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The prevailing rates of tree tax are as follows:—

	Rs.	as.	ps.	
Cocoanut tree	8	0	0	per annum.
Palmyra tree	4	0	0	do.
Choondapana	16	0	0	do.

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(*b*) No.

(*c*) The contractors make their own arrangements with the owners of trees to secure them for tapping. The trees are tapped and toddy drawn therefrom only after they are licensed and marked.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The signatures given in the applications are presumed to be genuine ones. In cases of disputes or withdrawal of consent, the departmental officers refuse to mark trees.

(*f*) No such applications are received.

Investigation about the condition of labourers.

19. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have ever made an investigation about the labour classes in Travancore on the following points:—

(*a*) whether the relationship of the labourers and their masters is strained or cordial;

(*b*) whether the labourers get sufficient remuneration for the work done by them;

(*c*) whether the economic and sanitary conditions of the labourers are sound and satisfactory;

(*d*) whether they get proper education and medical aid;

(*e*) the condition of women labourers and their children; and

(*f*) whether any special provisions and conveniences are provided in factories and other places of working for women and their children?

(2) If any investigation has been made, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the results of the investigation so made?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) In view of answer to part (1), the question does not arise.

Undergraduate teachers in the Education Department.

20. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer to question No. 230, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 15th May 1930 (page 578 of Vol. XVI of the Legislative Council Proceedings), that there is one trained intermediate teacher on Rs. 50-5/2-80, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason why one person alone was given the scale; and

(*b*) the reason why, among the F. A. trained, one person was given the scale of Rs. 75-5-100?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because the teacher is a woman.

(*b*) Because the teacher is a woman and had a long service of about 23 years.

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